

REMARKS:

The allowance of claims 1-8 is noted with appreciation.

In this Amendment, Applicant has cancelled claims 9-24 from further consideration in this application. Applicant is not conceding that the subject matter encompassed by claims 9-24 is not patentable. Claims 9-24 are cancelled in this Amendment solely to facilitate expeditious prosecution of the remaining claims. Applicant respectfully reserves the right to pursue additional claims, including the subject matter encompassed by claims 9-24, as presented prior to this Amendment or as further amended, in one or more continuing applications.

Allowed claim 1 previously recited: "wherein the at least one property comprises one of a fluid mechanical property, an acoustical property or a field scattering property of a radar-related component." Furthermore, on page 4 of the outstanding Office Action the Examiner identified a fourth property: "an electromagnetic property of a printed circuit board," as supported by the application at least at page 7, line 4. In the outstanding Office Action, the Examiner indicated that the allowance of claims 1-8 was at least partially based on the above-noted elements of claim 1 (see pages 2-3 of the Office Action).

In the presented amended claims, the four above-identified properties are separated into four different independent claims, namely claims 1 (a fluid mechanical property), 25 (an acoustical property), 31 (a field scattering property of a radar-related component) and 36 (an electromagnetic property of a printed circuit board). As such, it is respectfully submitted that for the same reasons that claim 1 was found to be allowable, claims 25, 31 and 36 are similarly patentable over the cited prior art and should be allowed.

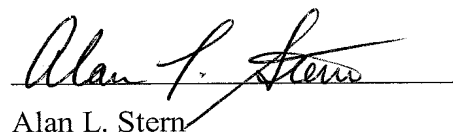
Furthermore, added claims 26, 32 and 37 correspond to claim 2; added claims 27, 33 and 38 correspond to claim 3; added claims 28, 34 and 39 correspond to claim 4; added claims 29, 35 and 40 correspond to claim 5; and added claim 30 corresponds to claim 6. Thus, inasmuch as dependent claims 2-6 were found to be allowable at least for their dependence from allowable

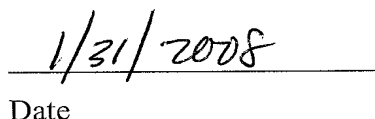
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independent claim 1, claims 26-30, 32-35 and 37-40 are similarly allowable at least due to their dependence from allowable independent claims 25, 31 and 36, respectively.

It is believed that the above-mentioned claim amendments should place this application in condition for allowance. The Examiner is respectfully requested to allow all of the pending claims 1-8 and 25-40 as now presented for examination. Should any unresolved issue remain, the Examiner is invited to call Applicants' agent at the telephone number indicated below.

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